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Memorandum

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Subject: Alternative Refinement

Enclosed are several packages dealing with alternative refinement. The first, entitled "Major Issues in Review of 20 Alternatives," is a list of issues that were noted several times by different reviewers when they provided comments on the alternatives. Our next version of alternatives will incorporate or expand on these ideas. Most are self explanatory, but if more information is needed, please call.

The second package entitled "Scoping Factor Reference Points," identifies performance measures and the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's interpretation of the current situation (Low End) with respect to that measure and a probable maximum (High End) for the measure, as well. These performance measures and reference points have been used by the team to identify where the alternatives need improvement; they have not, and will not, be used to assess an alternatives' ability to meet certain goals. **We would appreciate any comments you might have on our attempt to describe the current situation (Low End).** Comments should be in to me by March 21, 1996. During the March 22, 1996 extended review meeting, as participants you will be asked for your professional judgement as to how we might further improve alternatives with respect to these performance measures.

The third package, entitled "Potential Combinations for the 8-12 Alternatives," is our first shot at refining the alternatives. On the first two pages, there are two columns, the first column identifies which of the 20 alternatives, and in particular, which elements of those alternatives have been combined to form the new alternative in the right hand column. The third page arrays the alternatives in a form which was seen for the previous 20. The last two pages display a phasing concept for alternatives A and B. As you move from left to right on the page, the alternatives build over time. Implementation of alternative B begins with the Core Actions; the next phase would add elements from the old alternative 2 to the Core Actions and so forth. It is thought that this phasing

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will help with funding the alternatives. To be worked out is a concern that some of the stakeholders might drop once they have their components in place and others may not be willing to wait until the end to see their elements put into place. **We would appreciate your thoughts on our efforts to combine and the concept of phasing.** Again, your comments should be to me by March 21, 1996.

The fourth package, entitled "Related Programs Classified by Potential CALFED Core Actions," is as the title implies the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's attempt to relate the actions in the alternatives to current programs. The next step will be to devise a strategy for integrating these programs with the various alternative actions. **We would appreciate any additions to the list. If you are aware of something we missed, please let me know.**

The last piece of paper is a memo that you'll receive soon after you get this one. It stresses the importance of the March 22, 1996 meeting and asks us to make sure there is adequate representation from Reclamation at the meeting. Please let me know if you are unable to attend and who might be appropriate to take your place.

Enclosures

cc: Bill Luce, SCCAO; Tom Aiken, NCCAO; Penny Howard, MP 150; Mike Jackson, W-6332; Susan Hoffman, MP-700; Lowell Ploss, CVO-100; Kirk Rodgers, MP-105; Frank Dimick, MP-115